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The government caved!

Microsoft has 95% of the OS market in the world. And for the next 5 years someone is gonna watch 'em? Who pays, probably me, if for no other reason that to use computers in the world today one must buy Microsoft products.

WindowsXP extends this monopoly. It comes with normally extra products. Where one might buy Real player, it comes with Windows Media, putting Real out of business. Where one might buy any add on, Microsoft will usurp the industry standard, and extend it, putting anyone who tries out of business. Anyone who wants to work with the 95% is required to buy a microsoft product.

They didn't get here by participating, but by strong arming the their customers (in this case, computer buyers aren't the customers, since they were required to buy a computer pre-loaded with Microsoft software, the PC manufacturers were the customer).

Microsoft argues they inovate. I have yet to see anything they have inovated. MSDOS, they bought that. Excel, purchaced, Internet Explorer, purchased. Name one thing they invented? Sure they package all this, but so do others.

To only give them a pathetic minor set of requirements full of loopholes and exceptions does no one any good. You might as well send 'em a check for all the money spent on the Justice department, maybe then they will stop trying so hard. Microsoft would be better served by putting Bill Gates in Jail for a year or two, to remind corporations that strong arm tactics are the same for gangsters as well as corporations. If the president of the company served time, that would discourage illegal practices more than pathetic wimpy minimal restrictions.

I am moving to the country that does it. It is really hard to be patriotic when the very government that we ought to support doesn't support us.